



NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under The
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

On April 13, 2022, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, in the lawsuit entitled *United States of America and Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Cleveland-Cliffs Steel Corporation*, Civil Action No. 0:22-CV-00029-HRW.

The plaintiffs filed this lawsuit under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a). The complaint seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties for nine alleged violations that occurred at a former coke production facility in Ashland, Kentucky. The alleged violations occurred between 2010 and 2012 when AK Steel Corporation owned the facility; AK Steel is now known as Cleveland-Cliffs Steel Corporation. The Consent Decree requires the defendant to pay a \$490,000 civil penalty, to conduct site-wide sampling and analysis, and to perform injunctive relief to clean up four specific locations at the facility.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States et al. v. Cleveland-Cliffs Steel Corp.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-09449/1. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by e-mail or by mail:

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During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined at and downloaded from this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to:

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